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Letter dated 14 February 2005 from the Executive Secretary of the Global Water Partnership addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council

The Global Water Partnership hereby submits its application for permanent observer status with the Economic and Social Council, as set forth in rule 79 of the rules of procedure of the Council.

The Global Water Partnership, established in 1996, is an international network open to all organizations involved in water resources management, including governmental institutions of developed and developing countries, agencies of the United Nations, bilateral and multilateral development banks, professional associations, research institutions, non-governmental organizations and the private sector. The mission of the Partnership is to support countries in the sustainable management of their water resources.

Through its network, the Global Water Partnership supports sustainable and equitable water management through a process known as integrated water resources management.

Enclosed is the strategy of the Global Water Partnership for 2004-2008 (see annex),* explaining the structure and activities of the Partnership and how it works in contributing to the work of the Council and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, and the memorandum of understanding from the Government of Sweden establishing the Global Water Partnership as an intergovernmental organization (see annex).*

The Global Water Partnership would be most grateful if its request could be considered by the Council.

(*Signed*) Emilio **Gabbrielli**
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* The annex referred to is deposited with the Economic and Social Council secretariat and can be examined upon request.

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